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foundation money and they only met 4 of 12 state indicators.

A statewide alliance of educators, parents, and civic organizations called the Coalition for Public Education recently launched a campaign to persuade legislators to put a limit on the growth of charter schools

and to hold charter schools that are publicly funded more accountable for student achievement. As you can see, a huge concern is that the funds (public money) that are going to out-of-county charter schools are not helping those students reach proficient levels that are currently mandated by law. These below-proficient test score students sometimes return to their home school,

while no funding is returned with them for that year. The problem becomes the responsibility of the local school to ensure that these students achieve proficient scores on the state mandated tests.

For further information, please go to the Ohio Department of Education website and also, find out what your legislators are doing and contact them.

NCOEA Holds Spring Representative Assembly

40 Delegates and 14 Guests Attend to Association Business and Elect NCOEA Officers

The Spring NCOEA

Representative Assembly was held on Monday, April 18, 2005, at the Brown Derby Road House. 14 out of 37 local associations in NCOEA were represented by 36 delegates. In addition there were 2 at-large and 2 retired delegates. They were addressed by the OEA officers: Gary Allen, President; Pat Frost-Brooks, Vice President; and Bill Leibensperger, Secretary-Treasurer. Also in attendance were NEA Directors Tim Myers, Marshall Buckley, Kathy Turning, and Chuck Riegler.

Candidates running for statewide office were given an opportunity to speak to the delegates. NEA Director Candidates Lee Schreiner and Becky Mayer and OEA At-Large candidates Sue Vaughn, Martha Mitchell and Dorothy Wilson addressed the assembly. Other guests included Len Codispoti, OEA-R Executive Committee Member; Betsy Waid, Assistant Executive Director of OEA; and Kathleen Purdy, President of ECOEA.

Becky Mayer, who is from NCOEA, was endorsed at the Fall RA. The delegates voted to endorse Lee Schreiner, Martha Mitchell and Sue Vaughn. There was no position taken regarding Dorothy Wilson because she had not screened with the NCOEA screening committee. The delegates voted to support the Bylaws changes proposed for the Spring OEA RA

The following NCOEA officers were elected by acclamation for the 2005-2007 school years: Cathy Aleshire, President; Brad Strong, Vice President; and Patti Dice, OEA Executive Committee. Once again NCOEA President Cathy Aleshire challenged the delegates by promising to match all the money collected for the FCPE

(Fund for Children and Public Education). The NCOEA provided many donated "incentives" such as wine baskets, a Boyd's Bear, a piggy bank, and mini beach balls, for members to contribute to the fund. A total of \$739.00

was collected and Cathy matched that amount for a grand total of \$1478.00.

Congratulations Cathy and delegates for a job well done!!!

The following districts with the number of delegates eligible to attend in parenthesis and the attending delegates were:

1. **Ashland City Teachers Association (6)** Becky Mayer, Marla Willeke, Dan Rueger
2. **Ashland County MR/DD Education Association (2)** None
3. **Ashland Vocational Teachers Association (1)** None
4. **Buckeye Central Education Association (1)** None
5. **Bucyrus Education Association (3)** Cathy Aleshire, Bonnie Glenn
6. **Bucyrus Organization of School Support (2)** None
7. **Cardington Lincoln Faculty Association (2)** Donna Christman
8. **Centerburg Teachers Association (1)** None
9. **Colonel Crawford Education Association (2)** None
10. **Crestline Education Association (2)** None
11. **Crestview Education Association (2)** None
12. **East Knox Education Association (2)** Kelly Bell
13. **Education Association of Pioneer (3)** Jim Calhoun, Pam Miller, Kalyen Stichler, Jeffrey House, Vickie Hunt
14. **Fredericktown Education Association (2)** Mary Jane Schlairet
15. **Galion Education Association (4)** None
16. **Highland Education Association – Morrow (3)** None
17. **Hillsdale Education Association (2)** None
18. **Independent/At-Large (2)** Paul Kauffman, Rob Fetters
19. **Knox New Hope Center Education Association (1)** Jaime Day
20. **Lexington School Support Association (3)** None
21. **Lexington Teachers Association (4)** None
22. **Loudonville-Perrysville Education Association (2)** None
23. **Lucas Teachers Association (1)** None
24. **Madison Local Education Association – Richland (6)** None

25. **Mansfield School Employees Association (14)** Brad Strong, Sean Sheldon, Michael Tagg, Dan Bishop, Judith Novak, Lavell Harris, Perry Brokaw, Meg Strong, Della Sampsell, Dot Turner
26. **Mapleton Teachers Association (2)** None
27. **Monroeville Teachers Association (1)** None
28. **Mt. Gilead Teachers Association (2)** None
29. **Mt. Vernon Education Association (6)** William R. Shriver, Marcia Savage, Joyce Skocic, Patti Dice, Kaye Hoppe
30. **New London Education Association (2)** None
31. **Norwalk Teachers Association (4)** None
32. **Plymouth Education Association (2)** None
33. **Retired of NCOEA (2)** Pat Tester, Chris Swank
34. **Shelby Association of School Support (3)** None
35. **Shelby Education Association (4)** Connie Stepsis
36. **South Central Education Association (2)** Suzanne Jeffery
37. **Western Reserve Education Association (2)** None
38. **Willard Education Association (3)** Michelle Aplin, Brian Napier, Rick Willoughby
39. **Wynford Education Association (2)** None

If your school district was not represented at this year's representative assemblies, check with your local president. The election for delegates to the NCOEA and OEA Representative Assemblies need to be held each year by October 10 and reported to NCOEA and OEA by October 15. Mailings containing the proper forms needed are sent out at the beginning of each school year. If you are interested in becoming involved, volunteer to be a delegate from your local. Talk to your president before October. **We need to have representation from all the districts in NCOEA.**